THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.(SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University no case of drug abuse on the campuses of these Universities has been reported during the recent past.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Early morning timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas

671. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi Region were changed to 7.30 A.M., a few months back;

(b) whether various teachers residing at distant places have to leave for schools very early in the morning in darkness, which is highly unsafe, particularly for female teachers as they can become easy targets of criminals in duskiness; if so, whether Government propose to change the morning timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas, in view of the Winter season; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.(SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) School timings have been advanced to 7.30 A.M. in order to give sufficient time to children to pursue their study in the afternoon.

(b) and (c) School timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been changed to bring them at par with most public schools of Delhi which have been having these timings for very long because they have considered it to be most suitable for the education of school children.